GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:246
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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE FOR SETTING STANDARDS OF PLASTIC
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has directed the Union Government to constitute a Committee for setting standards for bio-gradable and degradable plastics; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, an Expert Committee on Degradable and Biodegradable Plastics was constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to verify the protocol for degradable and biodegradable plastics. The Committee in its meeting held on 7th November, 2008 had asked the representative of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for expediting the publication of standards. The standards on Specifications for Compostable Plastics (IS/ISO 17088:2008) have been notified by the BIS in November, 2008.